

## THE VAGARIES OF FORTUNE

How Fast and Free the Fickle Goddess Plays With Humanity.

Kansas City, March 19.—Wealth is the root of romance.

Around the specie and the precious stones of the world have been centered the most stirring scenes ever enacted, from the darkest deeds of robbers and murderers to the intrigues of kings.

Of its nature money is mysterious. There is that about it that feeds the fancy.

If every piece of circulating medium possessed the power of speech what tales would be told; what stories of suffering, ill treatment, neglect and death; what histories of liaisons amours; what scandal would be revealed! How the world would be shocked, both by the great crime exposed and the privation and suffering that would be brought to view.

One half of the life of every dollar is spent, directly or indirectly, as a stimulation to dishonest acts that oppress the poor far more than the rich. It is because of this that money has been said to be the cause of all evil. A fourth of its existence it knocks along the regular channels of legitimate trade. During the other fourth it is buried in bank vaults or locked in misers' coffers.

The hush money of the arch criminal or the blood money of the murderer may within twenty-four hours be found in the church fund. The nickel dropped into the cup of the blind beggar by charity may in two minutes go over the bar for beer. The possibilities of a double eagle are manifold. It is said that all of the crown jewels of the world have been many times bathed in blood. It is said that one jewel was the cause of forty murders.

However, this is a dark side. Wealth possesses other phases, more cheerful and fully as interesting.

Of all those of whom you know that live in fine houses, employ servants, ride in carriages, deal with banks, in short, are wealthy, did you ever have a feeling of curiosity to know how each came by his fortune. It is an interesting study and there are many people of means who live or have lived in Kansas City whose history in this particular would be worth reading.

It would not be proper to give the city, there lived a young woman who possessed all the graces usually incidental to such a person, but she did not have many foolish feminine inclinations. She had a strong spirit of independence and considerable cash. She was a brilliant, talented woman, and the life of the social circle in which she moved.

A great eastern bank failed and the young widow withdrew from society and to a small suburban cottage. In the financial complication her fortune was swept away and she was left with a bare maintenance. She dressed plainly and did her own marketing. She was known then as the woman who had once been wealthy and she was respected by her neighbors. Part of the time, however, she was away from home and her cottage was dark. When she was absent it was said that she was looking after her property that had been involved in the bank failure.

Shortly after the young widow had moved to her cottage a young man opened a real estate office in a western city. He was a handsome young man. His hair was black and curly and his frank, open countenance was graced with a slight dark mustache. He was a genial, companionable fellow, but thoroughly business like and was soon acquainted with the most substantial business men in the city. He was liked by all of his business ventures and he made money.

By his acquaintance it was notified that the young agent absented himself from the city about every third week or so for half a dozen days at a time. He explained his absence by saying that his business in the east demanded this much of his time. He became a member of the Commercial exchange and joined the different business organizations of the city. Before he had been a citizen of the place two years he became the owner of a couple of business blocks. About this time he opened a saloon, and afterward another and still another. These proved paying properties. The young man lived in the western city four years. At the end of that time he disposed of all of his property and returned to the east.

In the meantime in the eastern city the young widow had built a costly home and finally she again entered the social portal, more wealthy, more brilliant, more sought after than she was before the bank failed. It was said that she had saved a little from the wreck of her former fortune and judicious investment in the east had gotten all of it back, and more too.

The young widow and the young

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real estate agent and the saloon-keeper were one and the same person. This woman once lived in Kansas City.

## A WRONGED WIFE'S VENGEANCE

Hannibal, Mo., March 10.—Mrs. George W. Bowers, of Springfield, Ill., arrived here to-day and caused the arrest of her husband and his paramour, Louise Meyer, who left that place in November and came here, where they have since lived as husband and wife. Both pleaded guilty this afternoon in a justice's court to the charge of adultery. Bowers was sentenced to six months in the county jail, and Louise will be compelled to board at the same place for five months. Mrs. Bowers returned to Springfield this afternoon, satisfied that she had done her duty in the premises. She is of genteel appearance, and elicited the sympathy of all who met her.

## A VIRGINIA FEUD.

Middlesborough, Ky., March 10.—A regular pitched battle was fought by a number of desperate men, at a place called "Hell's Half Acre," in Virginia, near Cumberland Gap, at 7 o'clock last evening. Hugh Johnson was shot through the head and chest and killed outright; Garret Southern was shot through the thigh; Mose Gibson shot through the bowels and not expected to live; Shady Gibson shot through the leg. A bystander named John Owens was hit by a stray bullet in the chest. The two first were arrested last October upon the suspicion of being the men who shot Norris Watts, a rich young man, originated by these men, who sought revenge against those who were witnesses against them.

## A PRETTY FEMALE DETECTIVE.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—A pretty Italian woman, a female detective from New York City, named Antonette Beruni, is here with Benita Bernardo, hunting for the latter's faithless husband, Giuseppe Bernardo. Antonette is about 30 years of age, dresses in fine style, talks English fluently, and to day held a conference with Police Inspector William McAleese. She was detailed for this work by Inspector Byrnes of New York. Benita was married at Tompkinsville, N. Y., the home of her parents, to Giuseppe, who disappeared a few days after the wedding. The female detective and the deserted wife traced the fugitive to Philadelphia and then to Pittsburg. They have made a thorough hunt of the Italian quarters here, but without success.

## SWEEP BY A CYCLONE.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 10.—While the storm was raging throughout this section last Saturday, a cyclone passed from south to north, on the extreme eastern line of this county, wrecking the watchman's house of the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad at Big Black Bridge. It there changed its course further east, taking down all the trees and houses in its route. The plantation of Col. Flowers was completely swept, laying every house flat, demolishing his fine dwelling and killing one negro man. Several houses on L. C. Bell's place were also blown down, as were several on T. W. Stewart's place. The width of the cyclone was about fifty yards. It spared nothing in its line.

## MOONSHINERS CAPTURED.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 10.—Revenue Collector S. K. Rolenson and Deputy Marshals White, Jones and Tobbart, arrived here to-day from Johnson and Newton counties, having in custody William Pelham, Robert Truelove, James Taler, George Bancrom, Wm. Clarkson, and J. H. Hale—all charged with illicit distilling. During the trip the officers found two still houses on Hurricane creek, in Newton county, and captured a lot of whisky, mash, malt barrels, tubs, etc., all of which they destroyed. The stills were not found, and it is thought the operators got wind of the coming of the officers and hid them. All of the parties were committed to jail to await examination.

## DEATHS FROM LYMPH.

Are the Hospitals Sending Inoculated Patient Out to Die.

New York, March 10.—William Winterstein, a young son of William Winterstein, an employe in the barge office, living at No. 333 East Eighty-fifth street, died on Thursday after having been inoculated with Dr. Koch's lymph, by physicians at St. Mark's hospital, for five weeks.

It was learned at the home of Wm. Winterstein that the boy had been sent away from the hospital four weeks ago, after having received injections of the lymph fifteen times while there. No effort has been made to hold an autopsy, Coroner Hanley apparently not having been notified of this case and the board of health having given a certificate of death in the regular way.

The father of the dead boy said yesterday that he visited Prof. Jacobs when the lymph came into vogue in this country. He said he hoped that the Professor could give some help to his son.

"In a few days," Mr. Winterstein said, "I went with my boy to the professor, and he made such an examination as satisfied him that the patient could be judiciously treated with lymph. He gave me a letter to the medical directors at the Mount Sinai hospital, but they decided that they could not take him in. They said they were averse to accepting any very bad cases for the lymph. Already the death rate of the hospital has been considerably increased by these experiments.

"In a few days I got notice from St. Mark's hospital in St. Mark's place, that the boy could not be admitted there. In a few days he was admitted. Apparently he was strong and healthy. He was able to walk to the hospital. He was inoculated with the lymph and the doctors, said he was getting along very well. All at once he went to pieces. He was unable to move about and it was a great effort for him to do anything at all. He had to be cared for just like an infant. The doctors ordered me to take him away, saying they wished to keep their death rate down. Of the six who were being injected with lymph when my son was in St. Mark's four are dead and the death of the fifth is hourly expected."

Coroner Hanley was asked what he was going to do about making an autopsy upon Winterstein.

He said, "and of course I cannot do anything. I suppose the Board of Health has thoroughly satisfied itself as to the manner of death. Some time ago I consulted with some physicians with a view to holding inquiries as to the cause of death of patients who died while under treatment by lymph. Nothing came of it, however."

"It was explained to me that the holding of an autopsy upon every case would result in bringing much discredit upon the lymph. I have not heard of any large number of deaths from lymph. If many such deaths are occurring some action by the Board of Coroners may be demanded."

Dr. George W. Rachel, physician in charge of St. Mark's Hospital, said yesterday that Mr. Winterstein encouraged the medical faculty of the hospital to take his son in there for treatment with the lymph. The boy rallied, as all patients do, after treatment with the lymph, but later grew worse. He was removed by his father to his home when told that it would be impossible for him to recover. The father objected to paying much for his maintenance at the hospital. "As to other deaths from the lymph," Dr. Rachel added: "I think we have lost one or two who were under treatment with lymph, not more. This young Winterstein has been away four or five weeks."

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## MISSOURI NOTES.

—The editor of the Carrollton Democrat is a Methodist preacher. That explains the announcement in his paper that chickens will be taken on subscription.

—The southwestern part of Vernon county, Mo., has the gold fever, arising from a report that a vein fifteen feet thick, assaying four ounces of gold and three of silver, has been found.

—Frank Gutting was convicted of having insulted Miss Etta Warrance on the street in St. Louis, yesterday morning before Judge Wm. Anderson in the Second district police court. Frank was fined \$100 for his fun, and Miss Warrance's feelings are doubtless wonderfully relieved.

—Sturgeon Leader: A colored Baptist preacher who has been conducting a meeting at the Baptist church in this city, announced last week that his text for his next sermon would be, "Hell broke loose in Georgia." He made things hot for some of the brethren, and became very wrathful before he sat down. He located Sturgeon on the map.

—A genuine case of a man dying from a broken heart was before Dr. Brennan at the St. Louis morgue, on Wednesday. Just before Patrick Connelly, aged 35, died, he exclaimed: "Oh, my mother—my dear mother!" When the heart of Connelly was examined it was found that the apex was elongated and burst. No cause was assigned except grief due to the death of the aged mother of the deceased. The verdict was death caused by a ruptured heart.

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